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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the May 20, 2004 telephonic interview that the Examiner granted. During that telephonic interview, applicant pointed out the distinctions between the present invention and the Willming patent. Applicant believes that the above amendments to the claims underscore those differences.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is clear that the claims of the present application are patentable over the reference applied by the Examiner. Accordingly, allowance of these claims and issuance of the above captioned patent application are respectfully requested.

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